

QUESTION 1: Consider ways to improve the odds of drawing for goat, sheep, or moose permits:

Responses	%	Option
317	11.3%	Increase cost of the permit application and use the funds to create a dedicated endowment fund for management of the species
172	6.1%	Increase the cost of mountain goat, bighorn sheep, and moose licenses
440	15.6%	Apply for one hunt choice rather than four hunt choices per application
118	4.2%	If you apply for a deer or elk permit, you may not apply for a goat, sheep, or moose permit
349	12.4%	An applicant might only be allowed to apply for either a goat, or a sheep, or a moose permit, but not for two or for all three
1416	50.4%	No change: No restriction on species applications for a \$5.00 application fee. Fees for a goat, sheep or moose licenses are \$109.50 each for residents.
2812 Total Responses		

Question 2: Modify black bear seasons:

Responses	%	Options
324	11.8%	Open northeast Wash. GMUs 101-117 on August 15th (currently starts Tues after Labor Day)
739	26.8%	Develop a spring permit only hunt in GMUs 101-117
638	23.1%	Begin all black bear seasons in Sept. on the Tuesday after Labor Day.
1056	38.3%	No change: August 1 opener for general eastern and western units and Tuesday after Labor Day in other units.
2757 Total Responses		

Question 3: Revise the rules for use of dogs to hunt other game animals:

Responses	%	Options
462	16.3%	Outlaw all night hunting
123	4.3%	Establish specific season dates for raccoon & coyote
585	20.6%	Establish season dates for hunting with dogs by GMU
212	7.5%	Require an authorization to hunt with dogs at night
89	3.1%	Only allow coyote hunting with dogs during the day
1365	48.1%	No change: limited raccoon, and coyote hunting at night outside of deer and elk seasons.
2836 Total Responses		

Question 4: Lengthen spring turkey season:

Responses	%	Options
295	11.0%	Youth season first weekend in April and general season Monday after the youth season through May 15
722	26.9%	Youth season first weekend in April, and general season April 15 – May 30
353	13.1%	Youth season the weekend prior to April 15, general season April 15 - Friday before Memorial Day Weekend
1316	49.0%	No change: youth season first weekend prior to April 15, general season April 15 – May 15
2686 Total Responses		

Question 5: Expand fall turkey seasons/opportunity:

Responses	%	Options
34	1.2%	Allow the use of dogs during current season timeframe (outside of modern firearm deer seasons)
674	24.6%	Add turkey permits for a late November timeframe (Thanksgiving)
175	6.4%	Allow AHE to assist with late season harvest (damage problems) on private lands
414	15.1%	Increase bag limit to two turkeys in areas with general fall seasons
170	6.2%	Extend the season into early archery and muzzleloader deer seasons (e.g., Sept 23 –Oct 13)
505	18.5%	Allow archers and muzzleloaders to harvest turkeys during their late deer season (e.g., Nov 20-Dec 8)
764	27.9%	No change: currently Sept 24-30 and Oct 8-14.
2736 Total Responses		

Question 6: Create a separate fall turkey tag:

Responses	%	Options
926	33.8%	Allow the use of unfilled spring tag for fall season <u>or</u> purchase the fall tag
500	18.3%	Establish a fall tag and <u>require</u> the purchase for fall seasons
1312	47.9%	No change: Use unfilled spring tags in the fall.
2738 Total Responses		

Question 7: Extend western Wash pheasant season closing date to Dec 15:

Responses	%	Options
754	30.1%	Extend to Dec 15 for all of western Washington pheasant release sites
451	18.0%	Extend on additional selected sites where potential for conflict is minimal
1298	51.9%	No change: continue extended season selected release sites with no waterfowl hunting.
2503 Total Responses		

Question 8: Pheasant season beginning and ending dates:

Responses	%	Options
314	12.2%	Open pheasant season from the first Saturday in October to December 31.
445	17.3%	Open pheasant season from October 1 to December 31.
546	21.2%	Open pheasant season on the first Saturday in October and close after Martin Luther King Junior Day (e.g., Jan 17, 2006).
1266	49.2%	No change – Open pheasant season on the weekend after deer season opens and close after Martin Luther King Junior Day.
2571 Total Responses		

Question 9: Restrict electronic calls and decoys:

Responses	%	Options
642	22.5%	Make all electronic decoys <u>lawful</u> .
202	7.1%	Make electronic decoys lawful for waterfowl hunting after December 1st.
421	14.8%	Make all electronic decoys and calls <u>illegal</u> .
124	4.4%	Make all electronic <u>devices</u> (calls, decoys, GPS, 2-way radios etc...) illegal for hunting except for hunting predators.
362	12.7%	Evaluate legality of electronic calls on a species by species basis.
1098	38.5%	No change: electronic waterfowl decoys and calls are illegal. Other electronic decoys and electronic calls are legal.
2849 Total Responses		

Question 10: In recent years, mule deer populations have improved in some locations and some additional hunting opportunity may be available. Should the Department provide additional late mule deer buck permits for modern firearm hunters in those locations where the resource can support additional harvest?

Responses	%	Options
374	13.4%	Go to special permit only for all mule deer hunting to specifically control harvest and manage the number of mature bucks within population management units (combinations of GMUs).
98	3.5%	Create special permit only units (e.g. GMUs 231 and 248).
484	17.3%	Offer mid-November special permits in addition to general season hunts in GMUs 335, 328, 336, 340, 342, 346.
115	4.1%	As an alternative to late opportunity for modern firearm, provide early opportunity (Oct 1-10) for modern firearm in select non-muzzleloader units
131	4.7%	Extend late season dates for special permit hunts in 574, 578, 588.
137	4.9%	In order to achieve post season buck ratio objectives, the modern firearm general season in Chelan and Okanogan counties needs to be shortened with a corresponding increase in late permit numbers as appropriate
1456	52.1%	No change, consider additional opportunities on a unit-by-unit basis, but not the options presented here.
2795 Total Responses		

Question 11: Some muzzleloader hunters request that they be allowed to use the most advanced equipment available. These advancements, which are currently not allowed, include self-contained primers and completely closed ignition systems that are better protected from rain and snow. Should the Department allow shotshell or other closed primers for muzzleloaders and delete the requirement for the muzzleloader’s ignition system being exposed to the elements?

Responses	%	Options
974	33.9%	Allow shotshell (209) and other closed primers and closed ignition systems
254	8.8%	Allow shotshell primers and closed ignition systems for modern firearm seasons only
497	17.3%	Improve existing “exposed to the elements” rule language pertaining to ignition systems which is currently difficult to understand and difficult to enforce
1149	40.0%	No change
2874 Total Responses		

Question 12: Archery hunters have requested that the 65 % let-off requirement for archery equipment be relaxed. Changing or deleting the let-off requirement for archery equipment would make it easier for youth, senior, and slight-bodied people to participate more effectively in archery hunting. Should the Department change or delete the 65% let-off for archery?

Responses	%	Options
664	23.7%	Eliminate all let-off restrictions
1034	36.8%	Allow 85% let-off
1108	39.5%	No change
2806 Total Responses		

Question 13: Some hunters have requested that the Department implement a 3-point antler restriction for white-tailed deer in northeast Washington in the hopes that it would increase the number of mature bucks in the population. Should the Department implement and monitor a trial/pilot 3-point antler restriction for white-tailed deer in one GMU in northeast Washington?

Responses	%	Options
1294	46.5%	Change to a late buck 3-point antler restriction for white-tailed deer in all NE units
240	8.6%	Implement in GMU 117
154	5.5%	Implement on the Little Pend Oreille Wildlife Area
1093	39.3%	No change
2781 Total Responses		

Question 14: The Department has received requests to modify the youth deer hunting opportunities. Should the Department consider special permits for youth or deer hunting special seasons that are outside the dates of the general seasons?:

Responses	%	Options
433	15.3%	Add a few days for youth deer hunting prior to the general season opener in select areas.
427	15.1%	Allow youth hunters to hunt the weekend prior to the general modern firearm season opener.
364	12.8%	Add a few days for youth deer hunting after the general season dates in select areas
309	10.9%	Allow youth to hunt in damage hunts
228	8.0%	Allow AHE/youth mentor combinations to hunt in damage hunts
1074	37.9%	No change to current structures.
2835 Total Responses		

Question 15: The Department has received requests to offer select modern firearm seasons during the peak of the elk rut. Should the Department create additional September special permit opportunities for modern firearm elk hunters in eastern Washington:

Responses	%	Options
282	10.0%	Implement in select Yakima herd GMUs, GMU 169, and GMU 588; this option will result in shortening the deer season for archers in some units
277	9.8%	Change to special permit only for elk in GMUs 251, 329 and allow Sept modern firearm hunts between archery and muzzleloader seasons.
570	20.2%	Create limited special permit elk hunts during this time frame on Turnbull, Hanford ALE, and Conboy National Wildlife Refuges
1694	60.0%	No change
2823 Total Responses		

Question 16: Currently, select districts in Region 6 show participation and success by muzzleloaders that are below statewide averages and agency objectives. Should the Department expand the number of GMUs available for muzzleloader hunting in Region 6?:

Responses	%	Options
358	13.7%	Lengthen the muzzleloader season in GMU 658
234	8.9%	Add special permits in GMU 658
364	13.9%	Add muzzleloader permits for elk in GMU 648/or Elk Areas in Region 6
157	6.0%	Add muzzleloader deer permits in GMU 601 & 615
1506	57.5%	No change
2619 Total Responses		

Question 17: Improve mature buck escapement for mule deer in Chelan and Okanogan counties:

Responses	%	Options
401	14.8%	Change to special permit only mule deer hunting in GMUs 231, 250, and 251.
418	15.5%	Shorten the general modern firearm season to nine days and increase late buck special permits in Chelan and Methow GMUs
446	16.5%	Increase antlerless harvest through special permits
719	26.6%	Shorten the general modern firearm season to nine days and increase late buck special permits in Chelan and Methow GMUs and increase antlerless harvest through special permits (combination of 1 and 2)
718	26.6%	No change
2702 Total Responses		

Question 18: Improve buck ratios in Adams, Columbia, Douglas, Grant, Franklin, Garfield, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties:

Responses	%	Options
442	16.7%	Change to special permit only for mule deer in Douglas, Grant, Franklin, Whitman, and Adams counties (and consider other open, private land dominated counties in the future)
172	6.5%	Change to special permit only in GMUs 142, 248, 272, 284, 381
419	15.8%	Reduce the season to seven days in these areas
980	37.1%	Increase the antlerless deer harvest where appropriate in these areas
631	23.9%	No change
2644 Total Responses		

Question 19: Improve post season whitetail deer buck ratios and mature bucks in the harvest in the Central District (District 2 south of Spokane):

Responses	%	Options
377	14.6%	Close late seasons completely for bucks
698	27.1%	Eliminate late buck general season and change to special permits for late buck in GMUs 130, 133, 136, 139, 142
429	16.6%	Change to special permit only in GMU 139 for late whitetail bucks modern firearm and muzzleloader
1076	41.7%	No change
2580 Total Responses		

Question 20: Restrict allowable powder charges for muzzleloaders: (NOTE: This question was inactive for most of the survey due to technical problems)

Responses	%	Options
48	8.4%	Only allow pelleted powders for muzzleloaders during modern firearm seasons
68	11.9%	Only allow granulated powder for muzzleloaders
454	79.6%	No change
570 Total Responses		

Question 21: Eliminate the 300 grain minimum arrow weight restriction:

Responses	%	Options
993	37.3%	Eliminate all weight restrictions
412	15.5%	Use only the 6 grains per pound of pull requirement (not the 300 grain min.)
1260	47.3%	No Change
2665 Total Responses		

Question 22: Develop consistent criteria for firearm restriction areas:

Responses	%	Options
502	18.1%	Leave firearm restrictions to county governments
502	18.1%	No discharge of firearms for hunting within 300 feet of permanently occupied structures without owner's permission
1770	63.8%	Status quo: Request the Fish and Wildlife Commission to create firearm restriction areas on a case by case basis
2774 Total Responses		

Question 23: Better Direct Damage Related Hunts (e.g. antlerless permits) to Private Lands Where the Damage is Taking Place Rather Than Public Lands:

Responses	%	Options
353	13.0%	Provide general season any deer or any elk opportunities on private lands but buck only or bull only on public lands
443	16.4%	Provide antlerless deer or elk special permits valid for private lands only
647	23.9%	Provide second animal, antlerless only permits that require a permission slip from a private landowner
528	19.5%	Deal with the problem using existing landowner access permits
734	27.1%	No change
2705 Total Responses		

Question 24: Manage the damage hunt harvest for the Colockum to include archery:

Responses	%	Options
588	22.9%	Provide limited archery permits once the population reaches objective
835	32.5%	Provide some archery permits in the damage hunt areas
1148	44.7%	No change unless the district demonstrates significant inequality for participation or success by archers.
2571 Total Responses		

Question 25: Increase antlerless whitetail harvest in NE Wash:

Responses	%	Options
259	9.6%	Create deer areas that are mostly private lands and focus harvest in those areas
289	10.8%	Create a private lands regulation with permission slips required for hunting during permit and/or general hunts
593	22.1%	Extend the youth, senior, disabled antlerless opportunity to late buck season
1050	39.1%	Increase the use of second deer tags
494	18.4%	No change
2685 Total Responses		

Question 26: A boundary change is being considered for the Marble and Lewis River Units:

Responses	%	Options
880	36.2%	No change
1552	63.8%	Combine the Marble (GMU 558) and Lewis River (GMU 560)
2432 Total Responses		

Question 27: Eliminate the 2-point antler restriction for black-tailed deer:

Responses	%	Options
753	28.9%	Eliminate all 2-point antler restrictions for black-tailed deer.
506	19.4%	Switch to a general season with no antler restrictions but provide late buck as special permit only to increase mature buck numbers.
539	20.7%	Increase the number of GMUs with 2-point restrictions.
806	31.0%	No change, leave 2-point restrictions in place.
2604 Total Responses		

Question 28: Move the archery elk hunt out of fire season for the Toutle and Margaret special permit only units:

Responses	%	Options
312	12.4%	General season for all three groups
632	25.1%	Archers hunt later in Sept. (e.g. Sept 15 – 30); muzzleloaders in early Oct.; modern firearms seasons stay the same
439	17.5%	Archery in early Oct, muzzleloaders follow later in Oct.; modern firearms seasons stay the same
214	8.5%	Archers hunt in one GMU (556 or 524) in early Oct, Muzzleloaders hunt the other
916	36.5%	No change
2513 Total Responses		

Question 29: Improve the buck:doe ratios in GMU 588:

Responses	%	Options
293	11.8%	Switch to special permit only season with no general season.
395	16.0%	Switch GMU 588 to a general eastern Washington "Mule Deer" season with 3-point antler restriction
743	30.0%	Switch GMU 588 to a general eastern Washington "Mule Deer" season with 3-point antler restriction, but offer a late buck season with 3-point antler restriction by special permit only
226	9.1%	Reduce late buck permits
146	5.9%	Shorten the season length
671	27.1%	No change
2474 Total Responses		